

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 – 7 as follows:

1. (Original) Method for the plasma-nitriding of precipitation-hardenable stainless steels or maraging steels, characterized in that the maraging steel is a stainless maraging steel, and the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature below 500°C.

2. (Original) Method according claim 1, characterized in that stainless steel products, like shaver parts, machine parts, and cutting tools, can be produced in required dimensions, before the plasma-nitriding is carried out.

3. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the plasma-nitriding is carried out simultaneously with or consecutively to precipitation-hardening.

4. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the plasma-nitriding and/or precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature chosen to lie between 300° and 500°C, preferably from 370 to 380°C, more preferably 375°C.

5. (Cancelled) Shaver cap for an electric shaver, made of maraging or precipitation-hardenable stainless steel, characterized in that the maraging steel or stainless steel shaver cap is plasma-nitrided at a temperature below 500°C.

6. (Cancelled) Cutting device made of maraging or precipitation hardenable stainless steel, characterized in that that the maraging steel or stainless steel is plasma-nitrided at a temperature below 500°C.
  
7. (Cancelled) Electric shaver comprising at least one of the cutting elements according to claim 1.